

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Blue Ball Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8419 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN

Rosedale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles L. Limmer

Telephone #: (301) 687-8369

STREET & NUMBER

8521 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN

Rosedale

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21237**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Court House

Liber #: 5268

Folio #: 96

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE
MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blue Ball Tavern is a mid-nineteenth century tavern of frame construction, two stories with a gable roof, located on the southeast side of Md. Route 7, Old Philadelphia Road, approximately 50 feet southwest of the intersection of Kenwood Road, and facing northwest.

The building is two bays wide on the front or northwest elevation, two bays on the north gable end, and three bays with a center entry on the rear or southeast side. The south side has a one story shed addition of stone covered in stucco and a modern brick exterior chimney. The main section has an off-center chimney. A one story shed roofed porch extends across the front elevation. The porch has Tuscan columns and a balustrade, and is probably of later construction than the house. The entry is off-center near the north bay and may not be the original opening. The windows are shuttered and are 1/1 sliding sash.

The rear three-bay elevation has an entry porch at the center bay with square columns. The first floor window to the right of the entry has shutters, but the rest of the windows have no shutters. Window frames on all elevations are plain and most sash is 1/1. On the north gable end, the windows in the rear bay are covered by shutters. Two small 2/2 windows are at the attic level.

The exterior is covered in German siding, but was probably originally weatherboard. The roof is modern compositional material.

Two small outbuildings are located together slightly to the rear and south of the main building. One of these is a frame gable roofed, one story structure with German siding and two windows on the north and south elevations. Immediately east of this building is a square one story stone building with a stucco exterior. It has a peaked roof and small square windows on two sides. This building may have been a spring house or dairy.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blue Ball Tavern is a relatively unaltered tavern building dating from the 1840's, a period of great activity along the turnpike routes in Maryland. The Old Philadelphia Road, on which the Tavern stands, was one of the main routes to Philadelphia from Baltimore and points south. Many taverns were kept along the turnpike, including the more well-known Golden Ring Tavern, which stood about a half-mile northeast on the Philadelphia Road.

A January 23, 1886 Baltimore County Union article stated the Blue Ball was a tavern and hotel for 40 years. The Gettman family were owners of the property from at least 1853 to 1932.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1850 Sidney Map
 1877 Atlas
 1915 Bromley's Atlas

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

co-terminous with structure

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis

ORGANIZATION

MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE

November 24, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

BLUE BALL TAVERN (15)(BC

BA 1185

"The old Blue Ball Tavern, situated on the turnpike towards the City, and which had been used as a hotel for 40 years, is no longer kept for that purpose. It was formerly a voting place until the district was precincted. Mr. John Getman now lives on the place and is engaged in the packing business."

--Baltimore County Union, January 23, 1886.

BA ¹¹⁸⁵ —. BLUE BALL TAVERN. White frame clapboard structure, 2 stories, on east side of Md. Route 7 (No. 8419 Philadelphia Road), just south of terminus of Kenwood Avenue. Shown as M. Gettman's on 1850 map by J.C. Sidney, and as J. Gettman's in 1877 Hopkins Atlas. (Now District 15) Property was acquired some time before 1850 from Robert Howard; original transaction probably recorded in present B.City records prior to separation of city and county. Tax Map 89, Parcel 506. BALTO. E. PD.

Mrs. Carl Schultz

Deeds OTG 5268:96

May 15, 1972 Arrah B. Schultz, Executrix under last will and testament of Ethel J. Boone deceased ... to---- Charles L. Limmer & wf ... ref to last will and testament ... Wills LJD 116/524 ... private sale to Limmer ... \$29,000 ... parcel ... Beginning in center of Philadelphia Road ... beginning of whole tract of which the parcel now being described is a part 1946 ... conveyed by William A. Sullivan unmarried--to--Ethel J. Boone ... JWB 1518/424 (metes and bounds ... etc.) ... 3.614 acres ... No. 8419 Philadelphia Road ... (refs to other deeds)

Deeds JWB 1518:425

straw-man deed from William A. Sullivan--to--Ethel J. Boone & husband ... Dec 9 1946 ... same as deed of even date ↴

f. 422

Ethel J. Boone & husband--to--William A. Sullivan, unmarried ... Dec 9 1946 ... \$1 ... all tract in 15th Election District ... surveyed 1939 ... 7.15 acres ... S/A ... acquired by grantors by deed from John Gettman & Caroline Gettman ... March 31 1932 ... recorded L McL M 897:245 ... (ref to former life estate) John Gettman died Feb 20 1934 ... bldgs

LMcLM 897:245

John Gettman & wf to Ethel J. Boone & husband ... 31 March 1932 ... \$5-plus ... 7.15 acres ... also a ref (not a Same-As) to deed of 1853 from Robert Howard--to--Martin Gettman recorded HMF 6:378 ...

Ref: HMF 6:378 ... 1853 ... Robert Howard to Martin Gettman ... part of Lot 45 of Principio Company ... ref to an earlier sale from Howard to Gettman

1877 atlas shows Blue Ball Tavern--J. Gettman--house seems to be in path of center line from center of present Kenwood Avenue

1850 Sidney map -Blue Ball(Tavern) ... M. Gettman

1918 Tax Ledger, 15th District--f. 269

	John Gettman, Rossville	
1918	32 acres Phila Road	\$2270
	House 250 Outbuildings 250	500

1911 Tax Ledger, 15th District, f. 107

John Gettman
(same ... including Live Stock \$95)

Information from John Mc Grain
Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

*See also
card ----*



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north east elevation

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view of southeast elevation

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